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SUBJ: POLITICAL ROUNDUP

1. BALSEMAO ON AFM INSTITUTIONALIZATION:

FRANCISCO PINTO BALSEMAO, ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE PPD AND EDITOR OF EXPRESSO, SAID IN A CAMPAIGN SPEECH APRIL 15 THAT THE PPD, UNLIKE SOME OTHER PARTIES, UNDERSTANDS THE NEED FOR THE AFM TO HAVE INSTITUTIONALIZED ITSELF, AND SUPPORTS THE MOVE. BALSEMAO SAID THAT IF THE PORTUGUESE REVOLUTION IS NOT KEPT MOVING BY THE AFM IT RUNS THE RISK OF STOPPING IN ITS TRACKS; IF THAT OCCURS THE REVOLUTION MIGHT BE REVERSED OR BE DIVERTED TOWARDS EITHER DICTATORSHIP OR FASCISM. THE AFM PRESENCE IS NEEDED DURING THE 3-5 YEAR TRANSITION PERIOD TO GUARD AGAINST SUCH DANGERS. (COMMENT: BALSEMAO'S REMARKS SMACK OF A NOT-SO-SUBTLE ATTEMPT TO CAPITALIZE ON UNHAPPINESS OF CERTAIN AFM LEADERS LIKE ROSA COUNTINHO WITH THE SOCIALIST LEADERS. IT IS DOUBTFUL HOWEVER, WHETHER THE WORKER-ORIENTED AFM WILL BE RECEPTIVE TO ATTEMPTS BY A LARGELY MIDDLE CLASS PPD TO GET COZY BY PROFESSING TRUE FAITH

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IN THE REVOLUTION.)

2. SOARES WARNS AGAINST ALBANIZATION OF PORTUGAL:

MARIO SOARES IS REPORTED TO HAVE TOLD ITALIAN NEWSPAPER LA STAMPA THAT THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS WILL FORCE THE AFM TO CHOOSE BETWEEN TWO OPTIONS: A MORE ELASTIC POSITION OR THE TRANSFORMATION OF PORTUGAL INTO A NEW ALBANIA.

SOARES IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE CLAIMED THAT A TREMENDOUS VICTORY BY THE SOCIALISTS PARTY WOULD HAVE PROFUND INFLUENCE ON THE POLITICAL ATTITUDES OF THE POLITICALLY DIVIDED AFM. (COMMENT: MOST AFM LEADERS WHO HAVE SPOKEN ON THE SUBJECT OF ELECTIONS HAVE MADE CLEAR THAT THEY WILL NOT BE BOUND BY THE RESULTS, NOR SWAYED FROM THEIR PRESENT COURSE REGARDLESS OF THE OUTCOME. SOARES' STATEMENT MAY BE NO MORE THAN WISHFUL THINKING, ALTHOUGH THE PPD AND CDS SHARE HIS OPINION THAT A GOOD SHOWING BY MODERATE PARTIES WILL HAVE INEVITABLE IMPACT ON POLICY DECISIONS BY REINFORCING THE MODERATE ELEMENTS IN THE AFM.

3. GALVAO DE MELO DRAWING BIG CROWDS FOR CDS:

GENERAL GALVAO DE MELO, INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE RUNNING ON CDS TICKET, HAS DRAWN LARGE CROWDS TO RECENT CDS RALLIES IN THE NORTH. OVER 10,000 PERSONS SHOED UP AT A LARGELY UNPUBLICIZED CDS MEETING IN VALE DE CAMBRA NEAR OPORTO LAST WEEK, AND CROWDS OF SIMILAR SIZE HAVE APPEARED AT RALLIES IN VISEU AND ELSEWHERE. CDS VICE PRESIDENT AMARA DA COSTA EXPECTS OVER 30,000 AT A CDS BRAGA RALLY THIS COMING SATURDAY. THE UNEXPECTEDLY LARGE ATTENDANCE HAS HEARTENED THE PARTY, WHICH HOPES TO GAIN 15 PERCENT OF THE VOTE ON APRIL 25.

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